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Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Research Career Scientists & Promotions -----	May 9, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Nephrology -----	May 19, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Infectious Diseases-B -----	May 19, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Hematology -----	May 20, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Oncology-A/D -----	May 20, 2016	Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport
Endocrinology-B -----	May 23, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Cellular & Molecular Medicine--	May 23, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Oncology-B -----	May 23, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Neurobiology-C -----	May 24, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Surgery -----	May 25, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	May 26, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Infectious Diseases-A -----	May 26, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Oncology-C -----	May 26, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Immunology-A -----	June 1, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Neurobiology-F -----	June 1, 2016	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-B -----	June 1, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Oncology-E -----	June 1, 2016	*VA Central Office
Pulmonary Medicine -----	June 2, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Special Emphasis on Genomics	June 2, 2016	*VA Central Office
Gulf War Research -----	June 2, 2016	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-A -----	June 3, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Neurobiology-D -----	June 3, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Endocrinology-A -----	June 3, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Neurobiology-R -----	June 6, 2016	*VA Central Office

Gastroenterology -----	June 7, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Epidemiology -----	June 8, 2016	*VA Central Office
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A -----	June 8, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Cardiovascular Studies-B -----	June 9, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-B -----	June 9, 2016	Hilton Garden Inn – DC/ US Capitol
Neurobiology-E -----	June 10, 2016	American College of Surgeons
Eligibility -----	July 18, 2016	American College of Surgeons

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

American College of Surgeons, 20 F Street, NW, Washington, DC
Hilton Crystal City - Reagan National Airport, 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA
Hilton Garden Inn - Washington, DC/US Capitol, 1225 First Street, NE, Washington, DC
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC
VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety, and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include diverse medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral, and clinical science research.

These subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals, which involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research

proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Holly Krull, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20420, at (202) 632-8522 or by email at holly.krull@va.gov.

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